

Appln No. 10/808,034  
Amdt date March 16, 2005  
Reply to Office action of December 16, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-6 remain in this application. In response to the Office action dated December 16, 2004, applicant requests reconsideration based on the following comments.

First, the examiner has asked that a more descriptive title be provided, and that the Cross-Reference section be updated. Applicant has complied with these requests with the amendment set forth above.

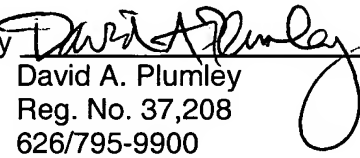
The examiner has also rejected all claims as obvious over Kweon U.S. Patent 6,756,155 in combination with Kweon U.S. Patent 6,372,385. However, the Kweon patents qualify as prior art only under 35 U.S.C 102(e) because the parent to the present application was filed on February 22, 2001 while the Kweon patents issued on June 29, 2004 and April 16, 2002, respectively. For the record, the subject matter disclosed in the Kweon patents and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity. The present application is assigned to Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. as shown by the assignment recorded at reel 015143, frame 0780. Kweon U.S. 6,756,155 is similarly assigned to Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. as shown by the assignment recorded at reel 010615, frame 0613. While Kweon U.S. 6,372,385 is currently shown as being assigned to Samsung Display Devices Co., Ltd. at the assignment recorded at reel 009763, frame 0123, due to a name change, that patent is also owned by Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. Based on this information, applicant respectfully requests that the Kweon references be removed as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

Applicant also wishes to call to the examiner's attention that claim 1 has been amended to define variable "a" as greater than 0 such that the claimed salts of Formulae 3 and 4 must include some amount of either fluorine or sulfur. As pointed out in the specification at page 7, lines 6-14, according to one embodiment of the invention, some amount of either "a fluorine salt or a sulfur salt may be co-precipitated together with the nickel and manganese salts." Consequently, by amending the claim to cover this particular embodiment, no new matter has been added.

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Claims 1-6 remain in this application and applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues, the examiner is asked to contact applicant's counsel at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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